

## ***CLAIMS***

What is claimed is:

1. A beverage which provides a source of vitamin C, said beverage comprising:  
tomato juice; dissolved carbon dioxide; sweetener; vegetable pepper; and citrus flavoring  
in admixture.
2. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising salt or salt substitute.
3. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said citrus flavoring is selected from the  
group comprising lemon flavoring and lime flavoring, and combinations thereof.
4. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said sugar is selected from the group  
consisting of natural sweeteners and artificial sweeteners.
5. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said sweetener is table sugar.
6. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising vinegar.
7. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising ground peppercorn.

8. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising onion.
9. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising garlic.
10. The beverage recited in claim 1, further comprising horse radish.
11. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said tomato juice contains water and wherein additional water is present such that the beverage contains up to 99% by weight water.
12. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said tomato juice comprises from about 10% to about 99% by weight of said beverage.
13. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said tomato juice constitutes from about 10 % to about 99 % by weight, said carbon dioxide constitutes from about 0.5 volumes to about 5 volumes, said vegetable pepper constitutes from about .01% to about 10% by weight, sweetener constitutes from about .01% to 20% by weight.
14. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said beverage contains up to 99% by weight water.
15. The beverage recited in claim 1, wherein said beverage contains at least 10% of

the USDA recommended adult daily requirement of vitamin C.

16. A beverage which provides a source of vitamin C, said beverage comprising:  
tomato juice and dissolved carbon dioxide.

17. The beverage recited in claim 16, wherein said tomato juice comprises from about  
10% to about 99% by weight of said beverage.

18. The beverage recited in claim 16, wherein said carbon dioxide constitutes from  
about 0.5 volumes to about 5 volumes.

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